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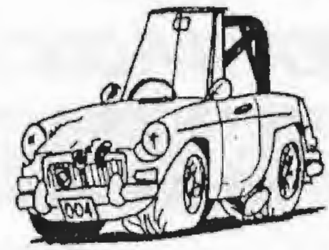
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PAST PRESIDENT: Denny Bowden (MGBGTV8)

The Committee welcome your telephone calls, however would you call before 9.00.pm.

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BEV
CARETAKER EDITOR



It seems to be getting towards that time of year again when everything is happening!

The Sydney Concours is on this month and then before we know it our Summer Concours will be here. Some of our members will be attending the HSRCA Historic Meeting at Wakefield Park near Goulburn at the end of November. Then it will only be a matter of weeks before Club Plates Inspection Day and the Christmas Party and Santa Run!!!!!! Where has the year gone!

Oh well there is no excuse for just sitting at home alone, that is except when you forget there is a natter night on. Sorry Kay and Denny. I have no excuse, I can't even say I didn't read the magazine! I believe we missed a good night.

Our runs have been blessed with the best of spring weather, so there is no reason why we should be seeing any MGs with soft tops attached.

Our family attended the Economy Run-last month, but I was demoted from the passenger's seat in the B to the driver's seat in the Pulsar. Bronwyn had a go at telling her father where to go for a change. Maybe the difference in our weight had something to do with the timely decision for a change of navigator.

Our 'B' will have been on an outing to the Mattara Hillclimb along with three others to improve on previous times. I'm surprised there aren't a few more people entered after getting a taste of the hill at this year's National Meeting. Stephen, Sporting Director Richard Merrick, Ex Social Ian Nelson and our Targa man Kevin George will represent the club on this fantastic hillclimb circuit. I'm sure we can manage to get a report from one of them for the next issue.

Get your application in soon for the Editor's position. I wouldn't want you to miss out on having the opportunity of reading the magazine before it is printed.

Bev - Caretaker Ed - 004

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to you, and wish you a long and happy association with the club"......

Patrick & Margaret Tinson - MGBGT - Queensland
Michael & Marguarite Walsh - MGBL - Muswellbrook

We look forward to meeting you at a club event soon!

MERRYL



PRESIDENT

Our congratulations to those lucky people who came away from the Presentation Dinner with a trophy. In particular, Chris Leggett, once again winning the Club Championship, and Neville Roxby, winner of the 'Octagon Award'. This is presented to the person who does the most for the Club in so many ways throughout the year. And John MacDonald-Hill is our deserving 'Clubman Of The Year'. The Presentation Dinner was a great night for which Ian Nelson is receiving a lot of praise. The decorations and theme were imaginative, the 4-piece band was terrific and the venue and food were first class. My one wish is next year to see a whole bunch of new people collecting their awards.

Before we close on 'last year's affairs', there are few people who I'd like to give recognition for all their help. Rhonda Moremon, our unofficial Chief Postal Officer, for lugging cartons of 'On The Marque' to the mail centre every month while Ian Hancock continued to maintain the club's membership data base, and produced all the postal labels. We are very much indebted to Rhonda and Ian .

It seems I have started something with the mention of *National Meeting 2005*, which we are to host. The number of people who have been concerned that it's a cut–and-dried decision regarding our choice of venue, has surprised me. This is not the case, for nothing has yet been decided. My intention was to give things a bit of a prod to get the thoughts and ideas started. Even though we have more than four years before the event, it's amazing just how quickly time can pass, and there's nothing more unsettling than being forced to make decisions in a last minute rush.

Of more immediate concern is the Summer Concours, which is almost upon us. Your support of our major event of the year is very important. We need helpers, and Richard will have in his column just how you can be of assistance. But obviously the whole point is to have you support us by you and your MG joining us in the park. Without your interest it would not be worth us going to all this effort, and the whole thing would be rather pointless! As you know our Concours is a two-day event made up of three parts – the concours, the Saturday night dinner and a short run to breakfast and presentation of awards on Sunday morning. We hope you'll be able to join us for the whole weekend, however, if your time is limited you will be most welcome to attend what you can.

A couple of weeks later you have the chance to join Team Hunter at the Wakefield Park Historic Races at Goulburn as the extended pit-crew. This is always a really great weekend. Accommodation and full details are available from Steve and Bev Jones. Now all we have to do in this household is get the TC back together again and running in time to join the team in flying the club's flag.

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing many of you at the Concours

Merryl Redman MGBGTV8 #232

MARGARET

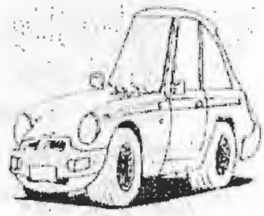
SECRETARY

Just a quick update, our Summer Concours to be held on the 11th 12th November is fast approaching and I am looking for volunteers to man the tea and coffee stand on Saturday the 11th. If you can possibly donate an hour of your time on the day please let me know. I have approached a few people who have gladly volunteered, so please don't wait to be asked and just give me a call.

As I mentioned at the last club night, I have made up a booklet of general information that we receive each month such as newsletters, advertisements, etc. which I felt may be of interest to members. It will be hanging on the notice board on club night for those members interested in having a look. Please don't take any of the information away and if you need a copy let me know.

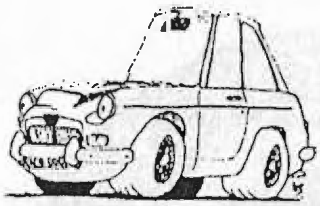
Well, that's all from me for this month. Hopefully I will see you at a club event soon!

Margaret Bond



Current Membership:
257

JOHN



CLUB CAPTAIN

Hello again; September's run to Galston saw those of us who could resist the Olympics on TV, leave the Twin Servos at 11 am, after cold drinks inside, for a steady and uneventful run down the expressway to Hornsby with Ken and Bennie Campbell joining us in their MGC GT outside Gosford.

After regrouping, it was time to practise using the steering wheel through Galston Gorge, a stop at the Galston shops and onto Fagan Park for lunch. Following lunch, the more energetic explored the park, while the rest of us relaxed in the shade and discussed serial killers and disturbed people.

On the run home more steering wheel work and a river cruise on the ferry. John and Jan Rogers in their TF elected the expressway for home, while the rest of us took the old highway. By now Ian Ashton in the green V8 GT was like a riding school horse when it knows its on the way home, so with the Mighty Midget sandwiched between the Ashtons' V8 and Ian Nelson in the red V8, a spirited drive followed.

Back on the freeway, and it wasn't long until we came across John, the TF suffering fuel pump problems. The MGs bunched together, many hands made light work and Dave Walsh did the lying on the back bit to kick start the fuel pump. Meanwhile, the ladies provided the tea and coffee. Then with the TF in the lead (just in case) it was all for home.

October's run will be on Sunday, 22nd (the Sydney Concours is the third Sunday - good luck to all those entering). This run is a short run suitable for older cars, with plenty of time to relax and have a chat. We will meet at MG HQ at 10 am for a 10.30 am departure, driving around back roads to end up at Tomago House for a picnic lunch. Naturally there will be a break for morning tea along the way. There is no charge to enter the grounds at Tomago House but the $3.30 to inspect this marvellous old house is well worth the price. I would suggest BYO everything, but sandwiches and Devonshire teas are available.

November's run is an evening run, with the option of dinner at Gwandalan Bowling Club. I need to know numbers by October's Club meeting, because booking is essential. Food is good and the price reasonable. Ring me if you want to know more on or

See you on the run.

John MacDonald-Hill - MGCGT

Sunday 22nd October
Clubman Run to Tomago House

CLUBMAN POINT SCORE SYSTEM

I have been asked to clarify the Clubman Point Score System:-

To summarise it for those that don't want to read the complete version, you don't have to be the best or fastest driver. You don't have to be the most economical driver. You don't have to have a concours, or even a shiny car. Just come along, enjoy a pleasant (I hope) social day, driving your MG along the back roads, an old fashioned picnic, a yarn with your friends (old and new) and if you do it regularly, you just might surprise yourself at the presentation dinner.

Now the complete version:-

The Aim
of the Clubman runs is to promote the driving (use) of MG cars on the road in an enjoyable and non competitive way (ie; not championship, competitive events, gymkhanas, concours, speed events etc).

Frequency
There will be at least one Clubman run a month, if possible, on the third Sunday of each month (can be moved at the Club Captain's discretion if other events clash). The event will be advertised in the club's magazine, On the Marque, and distinguished with a 'hash' sign - (# these events contribute to your Clubman points). The magazine will also contain exact details of date, assembly point and time of commencement.

Trophies
The Lake Macquarie City Council (sponsors of the award) "Clubman of the Year" perpetual trophy will be awarded to the MGCC Hunter Region member who gains the over all maximum total of points (in other words, the person that attends the most events).

The point score will be further split into MG classes, for which a trophy will be awarded. For a car to qualify, a minimum attendance at four events is required.

"MGMate" Trophy awarded in recognition of member who accompanies the MG driver at events.

Conditions and Rules
Members will receive a point for each event completed. Completed means participating from the advertised starting venue and time to its designated finishing position.
Drivers and passengers joining in enroute or at their own convenience will not be eligible for outright or class points in that event.

Drivers with more than one MG may alternate cars without penalty to the Clubman of the Year award and will attract points in the MG class entered for that event (minimum four entries per year, per car, for trophy). Where more than one class has been entered by an MG driver his/her 'outright' point score shall be the sum total of all class points awarded.

To encourage family participation, the rules allow for the events named as "Any Port in a Storm" and the "Christmas Run", that a driver and "mate" can participate in any vehicle but nominate a vehicle of the driver's choice (eg; participate in your Bentley but nominate it as your 1932 F type Magna).

If the MGCC Hunter Region J Van is required at any clubman event, the nominated driver and mate shall not be penalised and can nominate a vehicle of the driver's choice.

If the MG driver is replaced (substituted) for any reason during the course of an event, the substitute driver cannot claim points for the event. Only the driver nominated at the start of the event will attract points.

The Club Captain will at his/her discretion give double points for Clubman of the Year three times (runs) during that year. Double point runs are for Clubman of the Year only.

Drivers and MGs will not be penalised because of lack of participating MGs in that class.

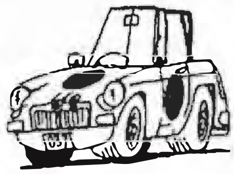
It is the driver's responsibility to completely and accurately identify his vehicle in the attendance book eg; MGB MK1, MG TF 1500, MG BL GT, MGC Roadster etc.

The final word - get the MG out of the garage and I will see you on the next run.

John MacDonald-Hill

RICHARD

SPORTING



Straight into events this month, with the Springtime Economy Run having already been run and won. It was a fun day out for all.

We had 11 official entrants on an awesome Sunday afternoon. The run took all competitors on an 80 mile trip from Minmi to Raymond Terrace. The event attracted the usual die hard economising team of B & B Douchkov as well as first time fuel lovers in their pretty white MGA Ken & Benny Campbell. Christine & Lauren Tolcher attended also in the TD to keep those modern MG owners on their toes.

Some people went to extreme lengths to increase fuel efficiency. Gary Boote was so keen he even arranged a beautiful looking new red paint job on the 'B. Excellent effort Gary, if only all members had youre kind of commitment!

A full list of results will be published in the following months 'On The Marque'. The 2000 - 2001 Championship pointscore will also be displayed throughout the year with running scores in the Clubrooms.

Summer Concours.11-12 Nov. The concours is once again taking shape with the aim this year to involve as many club members as possible. A cost effective, fun social weekend has been planned so put it on your calendar.

2000 Summer Concours is a large scale event which will require some manpower. WE NEED YOU. A large number of hands will make light work. DO NOT BE SHY, give me a call and volunteer NOW. I presently need volunteers for: judging, marshalling, BBQ duties, tent erection & setup. etc. Traditionally, Hunter members are always on hand to help make our events successfull, but it would allow me more sleep to know who you are before the event.....I will be talking to you soon.

Richie....037

Sydney Concours & Display Day

Sunday 15th October - Gladesville Reserve

(Cnr Victoria Rd & Crown St - entry via Crown St)

Entry Fee - $5

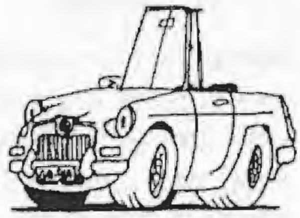
Vehicles to be in place by 9.00am, judging commences 9.30sharp, Further Inquiries

(Alternate date in case of inclement weather - 5th November)

MGCC HR Club Championship Pointscore Event

GEORGE

SOCIAL



It seems like only yesterday that I did my last report, anyway a big thanks to Carol for looking after the raffle (not that she needs any encouragement on that score) last club night. The prizes where in the boot along with the raffle books for the year, good intentions where there but two staff did not turn up because of the flu so all my good intentions got lost somewhere between serving a garlic prawn and a bottle of wine.

It looks like the once a month night idea hasn't caught on yet. Not one person rang but I think I will try again. The next one will be at Jessie's on the Water, Valentine Crescent, Valentineon Friday 20th October. Entrees $10-13, Mains $18-24, Sweets approx $7. Entertainment Card holders $25.00 value one main for one main. In case any body is interested we went and had a great meal, your everloving gourmet reporter (in case you are wondering there is nothing in the fridge). The weekend away in June next year did get some calls. Fifteen couples have already booked to go so, if you are interested give me a call.

Club Night, 13th October 2000 (the only Friday the 13th this year) will be a black night. Anybody that does not arrive in black will be fined with the money going to the George & Geoff holiday fund. We are having a "Rocky Horror" night at work so it will be Carol to the rescue again. As an added bonus those of you who don't arrive in black will be requested to speak on any range of subjects for a period of 5 minutes, so be warned.

Monday Munchies (remember them?) will be held Monday after Club Night, at the eastern end of Jesmond Park on Newcastle Road near our Adopt-A-Road sign from about 12.00noon until 2pm.

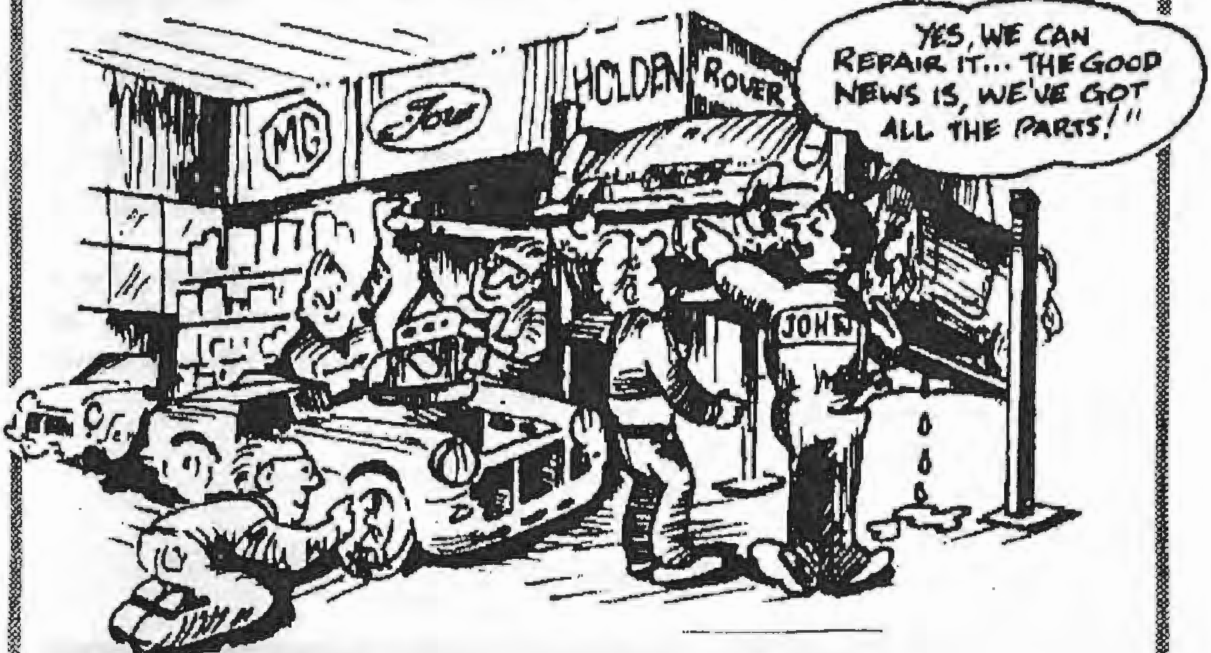
Natter night 28th October 2000 will be at the home of Larry & Shirley Dickason, 21 Kings Road, Cooranbong Phone 49773897. It's a B Y O EVERYTHING BAR-B-QUE including a couple of chairs say around a 6.30 start.

Thanks Shirley & Larry for making your home available

George - GQ - 544

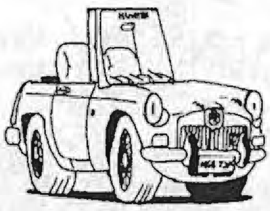
BLACK FRIDAY CLUB NIGHT
FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER

Come dressed in black or suffer the consequences.....


YES, WE CAN REPAIR IT... THE GOOD NEWS IS, WE'VE GOT ALL THE PARTS!"
MG
Ford
HOLDEN
ROVER
JOHN

DIANNE

REGALIA



Not a great deal of news this month.

I've been talking to Paul Shepperd from ***"Fast Lane"***, his company designs mirrors. I've placed an order with Paul for, 4 MG bar mirrors (1 MGTC, 1 MGA and 2 MGB'S). These proved to be a winner once before and I'm hoping they will be again, especially with our new members. The four that I've ordered should be here by our next Club Night. Along with the mirrors, I've ordered more of our Hunter Region key rings and these should be available also by club night.

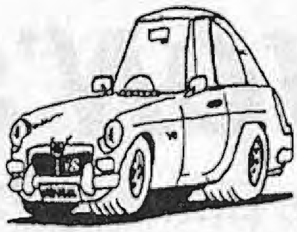
So to all our new members come along and have a look for yourself at our range of MG regalia. I'll look forward to meeting you.

Till next time take care.

Dianne Hinder - MGB 72K

CHRIS

PRO



This month has seen the bulk of my activity attempting to gather enough cars for the annual Mattara Parade. As I said in last month's report, the organising committee for this year's Mattara require 20 cars. This has been brought about by the addition of Olympians to be carried as well as Princess entrants and dignatories.

A combination of the Long Weekend and the Olympics has made gathering up roadsters quite difficult. At the time of writing, one week to go, I am still looking for quite a few cars.

To all those people who assisted on the day, I would like to say a very big "thankyou".

I believe the annual Broke Fair day proved a great success, with some14 or so cars in attendance. From all reports this day is developing into something of a "motorfest". Unfortunately Kate and I could not attend as we were off on holidays.

Finally, we have two potential members looking for cars. Both of these people are in the market for roadsters with one chap definite that a British Racing Green car, is a must. Please give me a call if you know of any cars for sale.

Chris Leggett

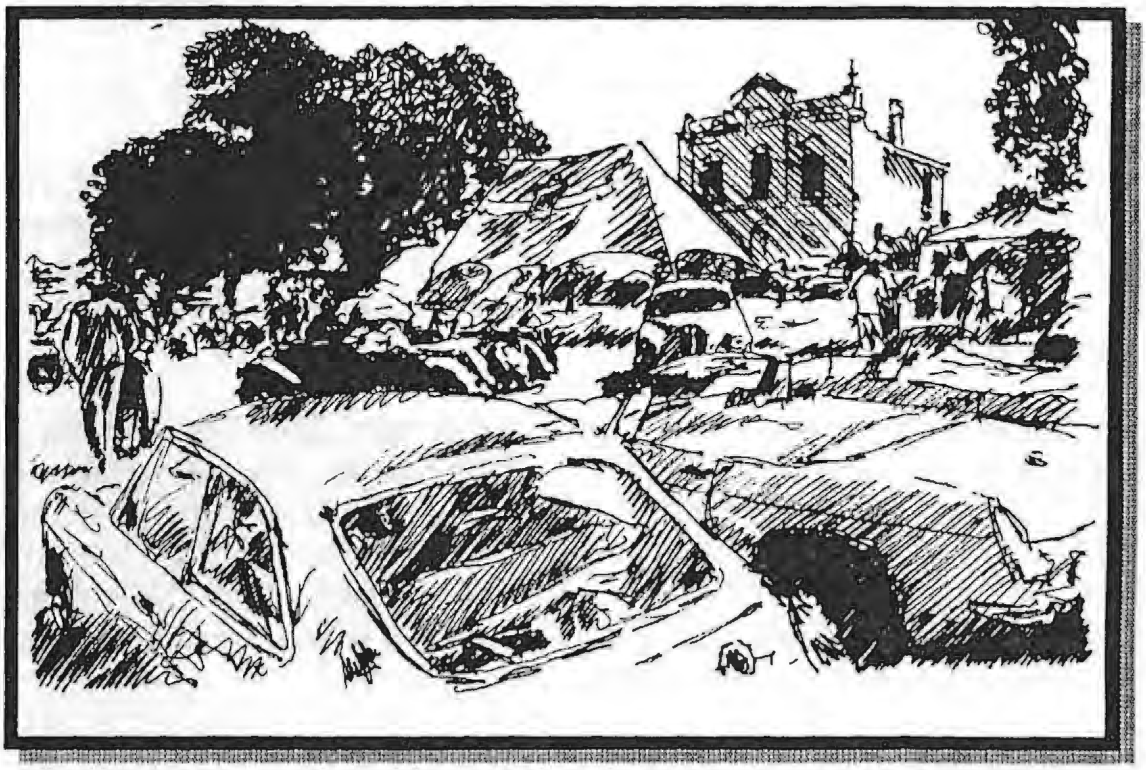
Have you booked your 2001 National Meeting accommodation yet?........Contact Merryl -

MGCC Hunter Region Inc

Annual Summer Concours

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Saturday 11th November 2000



Lambton Park opposite MGHQ

Elder Street LAMBTON

Entry $5 per vehicle

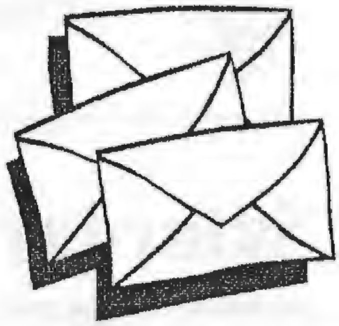
Gates open 8.00am - Judging starts 10.00am

Saturday - **Concours and Dinner**

Sunday - **Breakfast Run and Presentation**

For further details contact Chris Leggett (02)

* A Club Championship Pointscore Event *



29th August 2000

The President
MG Car Club Hunter Region

Dear Merryl

<u>Re Voting Procedures</u>

I would like to give notice that I intend to raise the issue of proxy votes at the next Annual General Meeting. Specifically, I intend to move a motion that all reference to proxy voting be removed from our constitution and the Club follow the voting process used in our government elections.

Obviously with a year to wait before the next AGM there is no real urgency to act, and since this is my own notice of motion, the members of the Committee are not bound to even discuss it. However I would like the opportunity to present my argument to the Committee members for their information, and also I would like this notice of motion to be mentioned in the magazine to inform members that it will be an issue for consideration next year.

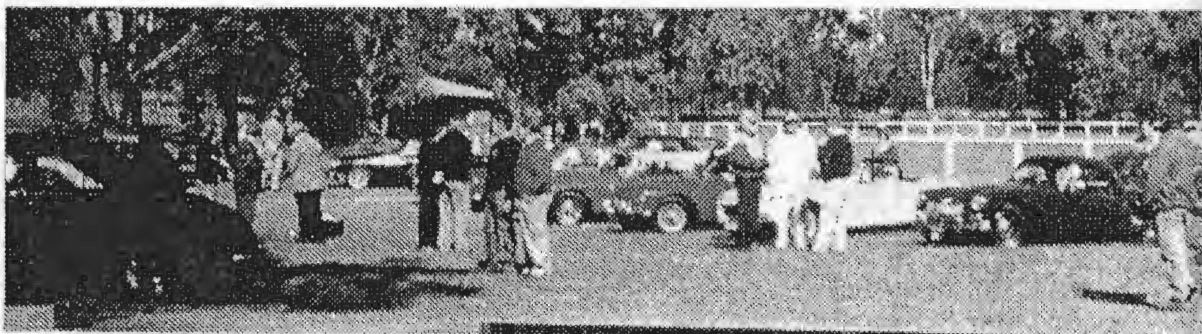
Yours faithfully
Kevin Cornford

INBOX : mgcchunterregion@hotmail.com



FROM: Sue Martin
TO: mgcchunterregion@hotmail.com
SUBJECT: HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS
Heartiest congratulations to Hunter Region's new committee, and especially executive officers President Merryl Redman, Secretary Margaret Bond and Treasurer Christine Tolcher. I wish you all the best for a **MaGic** year.

Sue Martin (President MGCC Auckland NZ)







#4: Neville Roxby with Chris Leggett, winners of the 'Octagon' and 'Club Champion' awards at the Presentation Dinner
#5: Carol Roxby and Margaret MacDonald Hill with a well-known Pommie whinger. Neville is seated with 'Clubman' award winner John MacDonald-Hill.
Photos: Carol Roxby

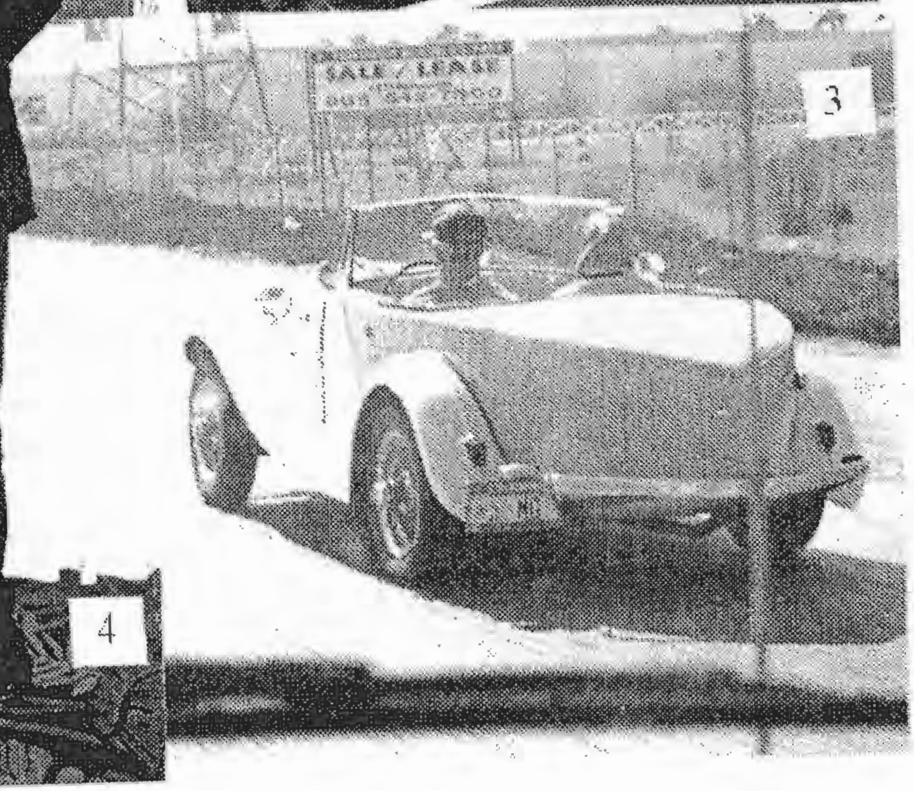
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#1: Morning tea at Johnson Park Warkworth on the Winter Woollies Run. **#2:** Merriwa RSL club full of MG'ers on the 'Woollies Run. **#3:** Only in America could you see something like this – boat-tailed TD owned by Californian Mike O'Connor!! David and Anne Cosh took this shot in traffic from a Hire car during their recent trip
Photos: Robyn Morgan, Carol Roxby, David Cosh.







PRESS RELEASE...

25th August 2000

MG RETURNS TO INTERNATIONAL MOTOR RACING

Today MG, owned by Rover Group Ltd, announces the next step in its return to international motor sport.

Lola Cars International Ltd, the internationally renowned race car company, will develop an MG that will enter the Le Mans 24 hour race in 2001.

Commenting Nick Stephenson, deputy chairman of Rover Group and a Lola car director said: "We are delighted to have the expertise of the people at Lola, who won at Le Mans this year, working on this exciting project. It demonstrates how serious we are in developing the MG brand which has been underdeveloped previously. The return to international motor racing is a major part of injecting excitement and performance into the brand."

Martin Birrane, executive chairman of Lola said: "This is an historic day in the history of Lola Cars International Ltd. It has been my aim to be involved with a major manufacturer, and to be in partnership with a marque such as MG is an honour. Everyone at Lola is very proud to be associated with such a great British name. Hopefully we can add to the legendary history of the MG name by giving it success at Le Mans."

The Lola SR2 that won the LMP675 class at Le Mans will be on display at Donington Park in Derbyshire this weekend during the FIA Sports Racing World Cup. There will also be three MG invitation races run in conjunction with the MG Car Club.

CLUB REGALIA

Maroon & White Nylon Jackets	$55
Long Sleeve Chambray Shirts	$35
Long Sleeve White T-Shirts (striped collar)	$35
Short Sleeve Maroon T-Shirt (striped collar)	$32
Team Hunter Polo Shirt	$28
Sandstone Caps (Maroon Brim)	$12
White Hats	$22
Hat Band	$ 5
MG Black Sports Bag (folding)	$12
MG Hipster Key Ring	$ 8
MG Key Ring	$5.50
MG Teaspoon	$5.50
Hunter Region Cloth Badges	$ 5
Hunter Windscreen Stickers	$ 5
MGCC Hunter Region Club Sticker	$1.50
MG Badges	$ 7
MG Club Badges with White Hat	$ 5
MG Car Badges	$ 8
Name Badges (orders taken)	$ 8
Magazine Binders	$10
MG Scarves	$25
MG Umbrellas (Maroon & Silver)	$25
Grille Badges (anniversary logo)	$20
Grille Badges (MG club shield)	$20
MG Coffee Mugs (white with gold trim)	$6.50
MG Wine Decanter	$11
Steel Signs MG P	$25
MG Model Cars	$22
MG Barbeque Aprons	$13
MG Watches – Mens	$50
Folding Chairs (in bag)	$50
6 Pack Cooler Bag (assorted colours)	$12
10 year Anniversary Logo Pin - !/2 price	$ 4

Any enquiries call
Dianne Hinder

RUMOURS

The octagonal goings-on of MG owners in the Hunter Region as expanded by The Octagonarian...

REMEDIAL SURGERY... is currently underway on Ian Ashton's engine, which is now out of the MGB racer. You will recall reports how some nasty rumbles accompanied the loss of oil pressure while at the historic races last July at Eastern Creek. Following the satisfactory work performed on Jonesie's engine(s)(!) and on that of Ian Nelson's fire-breather, Asho's bundle of problems has been despatched to MG Workshops in Melboring. The puzzle continues as to what has caused this spate of bearing failures in the normally bullet-proof old lumps of cast iron that lives under MGB's bonnets. We await further news.

A COLOURFUL TRAIL... was laid by Ian Nelson on his way to set up the 'decorations' in Bayviews Restaurant Warners Bay. The occasion was the club's Presentation Dinner, and 'Nello had begged, bludged and borrowed numerous items to fill the joint with an automotive flavour. I hear he'd bundled a couple of dozen laminated posters into the back of the ute's tray along with all the other gear then roped down the cover, neat and secure. However the slippery posters made their way out beneath the tailgate gap and were being strewn along the road. Fortunately a young bloke following saw what was happening, flagged down Ian and then assisted with the recovery. Didn't turn out too bad from what I hear, with just one poster being lost.

TRADITIONALLY... these presentation dinners have had a small table set aside to display the unofficial 'theme' for that particular evening. I seem to recall it all started some years back with a selection of 'blowers', which caused the irrepressible Linden Richardson to ask what all the, quote: 'old washing machine parts', unquote, were doing there. A year or so later I think we saw 'suckers', and the table was filled with carbies, with SU's ranging from 2-inch twin-bowled methanol drinking monsters to classic bronzed-bodied 1" tiddlers from the pre-war brigade. Just for variety think a fair range of Eduardo's DCOE products were scattered about. I seem to recall them being described as 'spaghetti carbies on a table full of plum pudding instruments'. This year 'Nello chose "Mechanical Maladies" as the theme, and the table was chockers with pistons (funny, I thought they were s'posed to be one-piece!) figure-of-eight conrods to various gummy crown-wheel and pinions, scorched and blued bearings and other reminders of past MG mechanical disasters. The surprising thing about all this is that some people have actually saved all this junk as souvenirs, instead of throwing it away.

AN INTERESTING SLIDE SHOW... and lecture was given by last month's guest speaker at the Friday club night. Wing Commander Michael O'Donaghue held the large crowd's attention with some graphic shots and anecdotes of his experience with the medicos in East Timor. Michael was in the first wave of Interfet peacekeepers

to arrive in this troubled place, so surprisingly close to our northern shores. His personal views and experiences of the militia and the Indonesian 'authorities' provided a far greater insight to what's really going on than what we see on the TV news.
One thing's for certain... our club members are among the best-informed people on local current affairs in this country!

MAGAZINE ASSEMBLY.... Last month was down one significant couple - Kevin and Jean Goodwin - usually braving the 45-minute trip each way from Cessnock to help staple and package the pages, but no. Last month the Inca Gold GT was missing from the front of MG headquarters. Apologies were given to temporary-editor Bev a few days later. Seems Sunday night was the 40th. Wedding Anniversary of this popular pair, and the family had laid on a surprise party. Our congratulations

EVER CLOSER... inches Jeanne Boote's MG Midget. Long-term members have been hearing this sort of thing for the last ten years, or so it seems. The total rebuild of this little MG was started last century and has proceeded at a snail's pace. However I hear a rumour that the carbies were recently despatched to Sportsparts where they were fully rebuilt and returned within a week. (Great service Bruce!). And we are assured by Mr. Boote that the final phase of the restoration will not be side-tracked as Jeanne will need the little MG for transport soon, for the Bracken GT is on the market. Meanwhile, the flowers you saw plastered all over Gary's venerable 'sort-of-red' MGB roadster have all gone. Friends who recently saw the oulde thing could be excused for thinking 'Bootie' had bought a fresher MG, for the red paint is now shiny -- and its red all over -- and it no longer looks like a crocodile's skin! What a difference a new 2-pack paint job makes. It looks terrific! Rumour has it that Gary has even purchased a new chamois.

CHANGING PLACES... is the red MGB roadster that used to be owned by popular members Rod and Mary Fairweather. Rumour has it the MG will stay in Muswellbrook, and also stay on the club's books, for the new owner is a brand new member, and we bid a hearty welcome to Gerard McKean!

AN EYE-OPENER... for first-time visitors was the vintage, classic and collectable car and bike display day held early last month at Broke. This annual gathering has been happening for quite a number of years, and seems to get bigger with the passing of time. I hear a good roll-up of our people assembled at 'plastic Macs' in Cessnock early on Sunday for the run up through the Pokolbin Vineyards and then on to Broke via the roads used a few years back for the east coast launch of the MGF. Remember that? A number of clubs were well identified with banners and suchlike, while our mob was sadly missing our publicity 'ace', the Morris J-type van which is sidelined with rear brake cylinder sickness and is feeling poorly. I did hear reports that someone reckoned running the low-geared old dear all the way to Broke and back (at its cruising speed of 40mph.) would've needed two tanks of fuel. Friends in the recently formed Hunter Classic

Commercial Club tell of one of their trucks - an International R190 petrol-engined ten-wheel-drive giant - returned a heady 3mpg for the run, and that was un-laden. And just think, from every one of those litres, forty seven cents in excise is grabbed by the government. Did you notice the recent campaign run by the Daily Telegraph, trying to embarrass Costello and Howard into doing something about easing the excise? I've been given some clippings on what the paper's been saying, but that will be subject for a future separate epistle.

CENTRE OF ATTENTION... at Broke was the pale -primrose coloured MGCGT owned by Ken and Bennie Campbell. A stunning thing with chrome wire wheels, guaranteed to produce oooh's and ahh's when the bonnet was lifted. I hear that Ken was deep in conversation with a 'C' roadster owner who'd come up for the day from the Gosford area. I'm also told to watch the New Members page for more details!

A COMPLETED FORM... along with a cheque was given to Bev Jones from an MGBL roadster's owner who'd travelled down from Muswellbrook. Apparently this particular MG couldn't make the run due to a braided fuel line failing that very morning, a real 'downer' for a brand-new member and his wife. I hear he's a real keen bloke who was most interested in Steve Jones and Sporting Director Richard's Mk1 MGB's, set up as they are for competition, as he's hot-to-trot in Historics. Maybe 'Team Hunter' is set to expand once again.
I'm also told that several of our group present gave away their current copies of 'On The Marque' to interested owners or potential MG owners, who just may soon become club members.

JUST BEING HIMSELF... was Mick Collins. I'm told a chap came up to admire the MG's ... 'B roadsters in particular, and started a conversation. Like so many, the wish own an MG has been a life-long dream. Five minutes later, this virtual-stranger and his wife were given the keys, and with the owners blessing, were off for a test run in a red MG. (How many of you out there would be prepared to let stranger loose in your pride and joy?) Several years back, Mick was the deserved winner of the club's Octagon Award. This is presented annually to the person judged to be fostering club spirit, and generally going beyond the call of duty. In my opinion, perhaps this trophy should be re-named 'The Mick Collins Award'

HOMEWARD BOUND... from Broke, several spies tell of a pair of white MGB's wearing hardtops seen main-street Wollombi. From descriptions it sounds like John Winchester along with Juene and David Walsh were in town. Smart people. For while the rest of the crowd had run home back through Pokolbin, the real treasure came from the run via Payne's Crossing, the little-known winding road with just a few k's of gravel road leading to Wollombi and on to Millfield. (I urge you to try it someday, it's as close to being perfect for sportscars as you'll get in the Hunter!) I heard that a Damask V8GT was seen heading off on the same route chasing a bunch of Ducati motorbikes. No doubt the owner was not aware of this, as she was that week in Perth, and the MG was in the custody of her son and less-than-responsible husband. I've also

heard that our new Club Captain has been given certain maps and suggestive directions.

THE OLYMPICS... dominates every newspaper and radio report we've heard for what seems the last few months. I noticed in one of the papers recently, while the flame was in The Hunter, a face that looked familiar. Of course it was Gordon Johnson, a relatively new member, (and part owner of the very tidy Damask 4cyl GT, (was this previously owned by Bob and Joan Böehme?). I seem to recall Gordon's stint with the flame was in the Warners Bay area. A special stage was this one, with three Tiger Moths flying over on that particular morning. A grand sight.

FOR SALE:

MGB Competition Accessories - 4 x 6" Performance Superlite Mags fitted with Bridgestone Potenza 520S tyres - 50% wear - $1000, 4 x Costello (look alike) mags with Yokohama 008 (2 x 50% worn, 2 x 60%worn) - $300, Bosch Racing Spark Plugs, dual platinum probes, Mintex Brake Pads - fade free 50% worn $50, VDO "Mini Cockpit" with sensor pick up and cables $250, Racing Suit single layer single piece Nomex (blue) Fit 36" waist & 6'1" tall person $150. Phone Tony Pennell 65731174(h) or 0419 79 1114(mobile)

MGY Tourer 1959 - 95% complete older restoration which has been in dry storage since 1967. Easy restoration. Car in Tasmania but can help with transport. $8000 Phone: 0419 128 148

MGA - 1600 Red - needs restoration, going, $11,000 Phone Jeff Peno 07 47878722 - Charters Towers

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Fibreglass Front Cycle Guards - suit 16" wheels $250 pair, **Steel Front Cycle Guards** - suit 16" wheels $300 pair, **Set of J2 front mudguard stays**, polished alloy $200 pair. Phone Ray Tolcher - 4988 6080

MG MIDGET 1968, white on club plates My owner has hardly driven me since rebuild. I am full of Vizzard 'A' series high tech stuff ie high lift roller rockers, lightened nitride crank, 45 webber,fully balanced 1400cc, 5 speed package, begging to go on club runs or historic racing, sick of cobwebs. $9,600 Phone: 4943 9813

MGA/TF Wire Wheels - reconditioned/ painted, ready to go, set of 5, $150 each.
Phone Chris 49342707

MGA - 1959 Roadster - Red with black interior, chrome wires, full restoration completed Dec '93, only driven 2,000 miles. $23,500. For details phone Darren: (02)6656 4221 - AH, (02) 6652 7451 - BH

MGBGT - 1972. White, 12 mths rego, good condition, $10,500. Also selling 1983 SDI Rover (auto) complete $1000 neg. Will sell together for $11,000 or separate. Phone Michael 49902378 or 0414 979 579

Fuel Injected V8 Engine - Aluminium Rover 3.5i complete and running $ 1200.00 Phone:Guy 0409 689 844

MGY SEDAN - 1949 excellent condition, good tyres, sunroof, good mechanical order. $11,000 ono or will swap for MGBGT with cash adjustment. Phone Denis Burns 65521071

MG MIDGET - 1971 MkIII - white, 3 ground up restoration less than year ago, balanced engine, new tyres, refurbished wheels, many extras. Reluctant sale $12,500(neg) for details phone - Richard 0412 543413

MIDGET SPARES - 4 refurbishes wire wheels with Dunlop Formula R tyres (70% rubber) $1200. Set of lowered rear leaf and front coil springs $400ono. Phone Richard 0412 543413

2 MGBs

1977 - Ready for sandblasting or painting, on trolly with wheels, converted to RH drive.

1978 - complete car with mini cooper lookalike alloy wheels, LH drive.

3 V8 Motors - 1 x Buick 3.5lt, 2 x Rover 3.5lt, 2 Steering Racks, 5 New Tyres 185/7 R14, Dashboard Mould for Foam Filling Dashboards, 1 set V8 extractors, 1 set Rover extractors, 1 set V8 pistons 20thou oversize, various other parts. $16,500 the lot

Phone: J. de Boer 03 63272617 (Tas)

MGA 1959 - Twin Cam Fixed Head Coupe. Fully restored, excellent car, runs perfectly, looks great in Tartan Red. $49,000. Call Ray 4988 6080

Myford ML Bench Lathe with chucks and tools $1200 Phone Ray 4988 6080 or 4962 2294 (BH)

WANTED

J & S Hardtop for MGB
Phone Vince - 68845702

MGB Mk11 Roadster with overdrive around $14,000, B,C or V8GT with overdrive price negotiable.
Phone Chris 49342707

Mk11 Roadster with overdrive around $14,000
B,C or V8GT with overdrive price negotiable. Phone Chris 4934 2797

PLEASE notify the editor if your vehicle or parts have been sold or you have been able to source what you were looking for....Ed

THE PRICE OF FAME

Here are two virtually identical cars. Both are from the same dealer in Melbourne and both are Austin Healey's in highly modified rally trim. Equally, the cars are in immaculate condition in red with a works white hard top and to all but a few they are identical. The biggest external difference is the number plates. The first is unsubtle with AH-332 rego, the second with nondescript SMO-744. So why is the first worth $65000 compared the identical other's price tag of $235000 (that's not a typo either). It comes down to whose sat their butts in the drivers seat over the years. SMO is a factory works car that Pat Moss pedaled at some stage and AH is just a replica. The question is, is history worth the $170000 extra? Being cynical, (and probably never will be in a position to afford either) I think what counts is whose bottom is wearing the leather now and how much more enjoyment I could get for the other $170000.

While on the subject of famous cars, a recent 'Trading Post' had an advert for the 'General'. You know, from the 'Dukes of Hazzard' TV show. All of us blokes watched it for one reason only and it wasn't Daisy Duke or the witty dialog. It was for the driving. General Lee is a Dodge Charger Coupe. Being American you can pronounce that 'coop' (you could keep chickens in it) and it's different to a Valiant. With documentation from Warner Bros it's safe to say that it was never jumped (over 40 ft in the air) and only ever driven at half throttle (the second half). This beauty is yours for a mere $114000.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF MG CAR CLUB HUNTER REGION, HELD 15 TH AUGUST 2000, CLUBROOMS MECHANICS INSTITUTE, LAMBTON

PRESENT:George Quinn, Neville Roxby, Chris Leggett, John Stuart, Denny Bowden, Merryl Redman, John MacDonald-Hill, Dianne Hinder, Bev Jones, Margaret Bond. APOLOGIES: Richard Merrick, Christine Tolcher. IN ATTENDANCE:Carol Roxby, Kay Bowden, Ray Bond, Brian George, Kate Leggett, Ian Nelson MEETING OPENED:7.35 PM President, Merryl Redman in the Chair. PREVIOUS MINUTES:Moved Denny, Seconded Kate. BUSINESS ARISING Fridge repaired. Power point remains to be moved.INWARDS CORRESP.:Ad - Unique Car Insurance. Flyer - Olims Hotel, Canberra, Statements - Australia Post Energy Australia CAMs Newsletter Minutes - The Association of British Car Club, Invitation - Great Lakes Motorfest 2000 Catalogue - Pro-Ma Performance Products British Car Display and Swap Meet Letter - Helen Goodfellow, re membership refund and request for advice on paint mixture for her TF Photos - Robyn Morgan Ad - Jaguar Club, Flyers General Auto Insurance, Ian Luff Motivation Australia, Letter Brian George. NEW MEMBERS Gerard McKean MGB, Ian McLellan MGBGT Moved Denny Seconded George. OUTWARD CORRESP:Account to Unique Car Insurance for ad. Letter to Port Macquarie Heritage Car Club inviting members to attend our events. SECRETARY'S REPORT No report MAGAZINES As usual TREASURER:No Report SPORTING: No Report. SOCIAL: We will look at holding another progressive dinner in the future.The 4th Friday of each month is to be designated as a dinner evening. The first dinner on 29th September at Hawaiian Sunsets Restaurant. Call Geroge for bookings.Suggestions for a dinner venue in Maitland requested. June long weekend 2001:Bundanoon Hotel, Southern Highlands.Cost $350-$400 accommodation and meals. 40 rooms reserved with a maximum of 50 rooms available. Theme - 'Dial M' for murder.September Natter Night - Bowdens.Club Nite -Guest speaker Michael O'Donohue, experiences in East Timor. Social evening, Saturday, 4th November a wine tasting at the Collins. EDITOR:Requested reports to be on a disk as a Word doc. Alternatively via e-mail: bjones@corporate-pr.com.au. Bev has agreed to stay on in a "caretaker" position with an option to resign giving a two month notice period. VICE PRESIDENT: Consideration of purchase of videos for interest of members. Suggested budget of $500. Denny to do a review for the next meeting. Moved Chris Seconded John. Carried by the Committee. COMMITTEE PERSON:No report. PLATES REG:No report. PRO:"Budfest" too late for a notice in magazine. Local members may wish to attend."Broke Fair" 10th September details in the magazine."Mattara Parade" 1st Oct -Chris to liaise with organisers."Toronto Village Fair", 26th November. Chris to liaise with organisers. Clash with Wakefield Park."School fairs" - requests from Central Mangrove School and Ellalong. Previous decision not to attend. Chris to contact the relevant schools.CAPTAIN:Winter Wollies Run - great turn out. Any Port in a Storm - a thank you to the fire lighters. Heritage Run - held on 18th August to Walka Water Works. GOF -17th September -Club run to be held in its place. John agreed to vary the length of runs to attract more members. The option of BYO or buying lunch/dinner at the venue will also be taken into consideration. Clubman points to be awarded only to those members doing the complete run with nominated pick up points along the way. REGALIA:Sales Club Nite $46.50 Takings month of August $119.50 PAST PRESIDENT:No report GENERAL BUSINESS: Letter from Brian George re handling of the AGM. Committee will take this on board. Formal set of procedures to be formulated for AGMs. New covers for the magazine -Chris to obtain a quote. Posting of magazines -Margaret to liaise with Rhonda Moremon. J Van not mobile. To be on the road in the new week or so. John requested we give consideration to participating in the NRMA fest run in Sydney on Australia Day. John to obtain further info for next meeting. George queried the regulations for CAMs license to participate at a National Meeting. The ruling is that an affiliation with CAMS is needed in order to run an event. Matter to be raised at delegates meeting by Richard.Hunter Natmeet, 2005. Suggestions for venues being tabled, we need to start. A 'suggestion only' venue is Dubbo. Merryl to contact Dubbo members to discuss. Concern was raised over holding the National Meeting outside the Hunter. Summer Concours, 11th -12th November. George to look into venue for the dinner. Chris to organise a sub-committee to undertake planing for the concours. Fire hazard -Brian Geroge raised issue of fire hazard. A response has been received from the Historical Committee and is being investigated. Meeting closed 9.35 pm.

MERRYL REDMAN
President.

MARGARET BOND
Secretary.

WHAT'S ON ....WHERE & WHEN.

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OCTOBER

!	Sun	1	Mattara Grand Parade
!	Sat	7	Mattara Hillclimb - King Edward Park
	Sun	8	Magazine Assembly - MGHQ 7.15pm
	Fri	13	Club Night - MGHQ - 7.30pm - see page 10
	Mon	16	Monday Munchies - Jesmond Park see page 10
	Tues	17	Committee Meeting - MGHQ 7.30pm - Members Welcome
*	Sun	15	Sydney Concours - Gladesville Reserve - see page 9
	Sun	22	British Car Day & Swap Meet - Hoxton Park
#	Sun	22	Clubman Run - Tomago House - see page 6
	Sat	28	Natter Night - Shirley & Larry Dickason's Home - see page 10

NOVEMBER

	Sat	4	Wine Tasting at the Michael & Dianne Collins' Place. Phone for details & bookings
	Sun	5	Magazine Assembly - MGHQ 7.15pm
	Mon	6	Monday Munchies - Jesmond Park from 12.00noon
	Fri	10	Club Night - MGHQ - 7.30pm
*	Sat	11	Summer Concours - Lambton Park & Dinner
	Sun	12	Summer Concours - Breakfast & Presentation
	Mon	13	Monday Munchies - Jesmond Park from 12.00noon
	Tues	14	Committee Meeting - MGHQ 7.30pm - Members Welcome
	Sun	19	Lambton Fair
#	Sun	19	Evening Clubman Run to Frazer Park & Gwandalan

DECEMBER

	Sat	2	Vintage Registration Inspection Day
	Sat	2	Christmas Party
#	Sun	17	Clubman Christmas Run

These events contribute to your Clubman Points
* These events contribute to your Championship Points.
! These are events organised by other groups to which we have been invited. (Members are entitled to use MG's on Vintage Plates if they wish).
+ Events organised by the 'Hunter's Dubbo Chapter'.. Phone Bernie Hewitt
> Club Night is on the second Friday of each month. MGHQ from 7.30pm.
> Committee Meeting is on the Tuesday after Club Night. at MGHQ 7.30pm. Members welcome.
> Natter Night is an informal BYO social evening held towards the end of the month.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 21st October